

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~The power supply cable as claimed in claim 1, A~~  
power supply cable comprising:

at least one electric wire having a single line conductive material and an insulating  
material covering said conductive material; and

an elongated holding member holding said electric wire, the holding member being  
elastically deformable in accordance with a relative movement of opposite ends of said  
electric wire, wherein said holding member comprises:

a plate part formed of a flexible sheet material; and

at least one engaging part attaching said electric wire to said plate part.

Claim 3 (Original): The power supply cable as claimed in claim 2, wherein said  
engaging part is integrally formed with said plate part.

Claim 4 (Original): The power supply cable as claimed in claim 2, wherein said  
holding member further comprises a mounting part configured to be fixed in the vicinity of a  
terminal to which an end of said electric wire is connected.

Claim 5 (Original): The power supply cable as claimed in claim 4, wherein said  
mounting part is integrally formed with said plate part.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The power supply cable as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, further comprising a flexible protective member attached to said holding member so as to cover said electric wire.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~The image reading apparatus as claimed in claim 7,~~  
An image reading apparatus reading an image formed on an original sheet, the image reading apparatus comprising:

a contact glass having a first surface on which the original sheet is placed;

a light source, movable along a second surface of said contact glass opposite to said first surface, said light source projecting a light toward the original sheet placed on said first surface of said contact glass;

an optical system guiding the light reflected by said original sheet;

a reading part reading the image on said original sheet by receiving the light guided by said optical system;

a power supply, terminal supplying an electric power to each part; and

a power supply cable comprising:

at least one electric wire having a single line conductive material and an insulating material covering said conductive material; and

an elongated holding member holding said electric wire, the holding member being elastically deformable in accordance with a relative movement of opposite ends of said electric wire, wherein said holding member comprises:

a plate part formed of a flexible sheet material; and

at least one engaging part attaching said electric wire to said plate part.

Claim 9 (Original): The image reading apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said engaging part is integrally formed with said plate part.

Claim 10 (Original): The image reading apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said holding member further comprises a mounting part configured to be fixed in the vicinity of a terminal to which an end of said electric wire is connected.

Claim 11 (Original): The image reading apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said mounting part is integrally formed with said plate part.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The image reading apparatus as claimed in claim [[7]] 8, further comprising a flexible protective member attached to said holding member so as to cover said electric wire.